

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: "Stereotactic Irradiation: Evaluation of Efficacy in the Radiotherapy Department"

### Recommendation:

- ✓ Accept as it is .....  
 Accept after minor revision.....  
 Accept after major revision .....  
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

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### Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

The study successfully demonstrates that stereotactic radiotherapy can be effectively and safely implemented in a Moroccan clinical setting, achieving outcomes comparable to international standards. It validates the potential for high-quality, minimally invasive cancer care within the region and paves the way for larger, prospective, multicenter research efforts to confirm these promising results.

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#### Strengths:

- First Institutional Evaluation in Morocco:** The study provides the inaugural data on stereotactic radiotherapy in Morocco, establishing a valuable regional reference.
- International Standards Alignment:** Results such as an 83.7% local control rate at six months are comparable to global data, demonstrating high efficacy.
- Excellent Safety Profile:** The treatment shows a favorable toxicity profile with minimal acute side effects, primarily only mild bronchial coughs and no severe adverse events.
- Detailed Methodology:** The description of treatment setup, equipment, and follow-up protocols lends credibility and reproducibility.
- Scope for Future Research:** The authors highlight the potential for multicenter and prospective studies to validate and expand upon their findings.

#### Weaknesses:

- Retrospective, Single-Center Design:** Limitations include potential selection bias and lack of generalizability to other settings.
- Limited Follow-up Duration:** A six-month follow-up is relatively short for assessing long-term tumor control and late toxicities.
- Modest Sample Size:** Although 92 patients provide valuable initial data, larger cohorts are necessary for more definitive conclusions.
- Loss to Follow-Up:** The study notes an 8.7% loss, which could bias efficacy assessments.
- Heterogeneity of Tumor Types:** The predominance of brain metastases indicates potential variability in outcomes across different tumor types.